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TUESDAY, August 28 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails and Reception at 7 PM -- Dinner at 8 PM sharp
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THE NAVY AND DEFENSE FOR PEACE

by

THE HONORABLE DAN A. KIMBALL
The Secretary of the Navy

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In his first public appearance as Secretary of the Navy, Dan Kimball a week from Tuesday will deliver a major policy address before a joint dinner meeting of the Overseas Press Club and the American War Correspondents Association!

The occasion will also salute the newly-appointed Navy Secretary on behalf of all U. S. foreign and war correspondents. Joining Mr. Kimball will be distinguished guests from the Navy and Marine Corps, among them Lieutenant Henry "Hank" Commiskey, first Marine to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Korean War.

An added feature of the evening will be a preview of the new 23-minute documentary film,
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"With the Marines -- Chosin to Hungnam", narrated by Richard Widmark and Gary Merrill. Past President BOB CONSIDINE is slated to be Toastmaster, while Past President BURNET HERSHEY is Chairman of the informal meeting. So important does the OPC regard this outstanding event that it suspended its no-programs-during-August policy. This will be an occasion few OPCers will want to miss; it is being announced a week in advance to enable Members to reserve TUESDAY, August 28 on their calendars. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY; THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OPC WASHINGTON MEMBERS REGARDING THE AUGUST 28 DINNER

Through the courtesy of the Navy Department, a limited number of Washington Members of the Overseas Press Club may attend the August 28 dinner honoring Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball. Some seats will be available in the Secretary's personal plane to transport such Members to New York the afternoon of Tuesday, August 28, and return them to Washington following the dinner.

Members interested in taking advantage of the Secretary's kind offer are asked to get in touch with Robert Sherrod of Time's Washington bureau who is handling arrangements for the trip.

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 * EXILED OPCers ASK *
 * CLUB TO AUTHORIZE *
 * RIVER RAT CHAPTER *

Fort Riley, Kan., August 8 -- (Via drifting bottle) -- At a special meeting called last night at the post chapel, three Members of the Overseas Press Club of America voted unanimously to submit to the President and Board of Governors a petition for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Kansas chapter of the OPC.

Strategically located in the dead center of the United States and submerged by the flooded waters of the Republican and Blue Rivers, the charter members plan to call their organization the "Underseas Press Club" and adopt a periscope as the club's insignia.

In stating the objectives of the organization, charter-member JOHN ANSPACHER told the foreign correspondent of the Kaw Gurgle: "It's a natural". He referred further questions to Secretary-Treasurer JOHN McTIGUE, who commented dryly, "I'll be doggone."

Vice-President HENRY GELLERMANN, reached at Ma's Inn in Junction City during the early morning hours, was too overcome to make a statement. The three members voted unanimously to include in their club ORVILLE ANDERSON, last seen here several weeks ago and washed out with the first wave of the Republican River. (Editor's Note: All the above, with the exception of ANDERSON, are stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the 301st Radio Broadcasting Group).

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ARTHUR SETTEL, HICOG press officer, is in New York on leave until August 28 when he returns aboard the "America". Until then, reachable at NEvins 8-8620...Jack Mead is new administrative assistant at Club Headquarters. A student trainee from Antioch College, Mead replaces Mac Smith who has returned to Antioch to continue his studies....

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WHITE HOUSE SAYS EFFORTS TO FREE WILLIAM OATIS
"WILL PROCEED WITH VIGOR"; THANKS CLUB FOR IDEAS

...Wife Congratulates OPC
On Sound Action Program...

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Expressing the thanks of President Truman for the Club's letter regarding the William Oatis case, Joseph Short, White House press secretary, this week said "I can assure you that the Government's efforts to obtain Mr. Oatis' release will proceed with vigor." Mr. Short's letter was in reply to a memorandum addressed to President Truman by Chairman BRUNO SHAW of the Freedom of Press and Information Committee and containing six recommended steps to secure the release of Oatis from a Czechoslovak prison.

The text of the White House letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Shaw: The President has asked me to thank the Overseas Press Club of America for your recommendations concerning the case of William N. Oatis.

"The President is deeply concerned about the outrageous arrest and 'conviction' of Mr. Oatis by the Czechoslovakian communist government. He is determined to do everything possible to effect his release.

"Your recommendations have been forwarded to the Department of State and I can assure you that the Government's efforts to obtain Mr. Oatis' release will proceed with vigor.

"The President appreciates the thoughtful suggestions which you have made.

"Sincerely yours, Joseph Short, Secretary to the President."

Also this week Club Headquarters received a letter from Mrs. William Oatis applauding the Club's action. "I must say that the letter to President Truman from Mr. SHAW", she wrote, "is the most concrete, feasible plan of action that I have yet been able to see...I feel quite definitely that some such strong measures should be taken."

Chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN announces the appointment of HELEN ZOTOS to the House Committee.

OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: Moose Magazine has bought DICKSON HARTWELL's article, "Green Thumbs Up"...The New York Staatszeitung publishing GERTY AGOSTON's report on Jean Paul Sartre's private life...DONALD ROBINSON has "The Stingiest Man in the Navy" in the August 4 Collier's, and "Does Your Pet Carry Disease" in Today's Woman for August. He's also sold a piece on the Air Force to Cosmopolitan...The summer edition of Egypt features "American World Coverage of News" by Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER (whose recent move to Fair Haven, N.J., was reported by the Red Bank Register which cited his OPC presidency)...A survey of Italy's tourist promotion program by DOROTHY CAREW and JOSEPH ROSAPEPE appears in the July issue of Travel News mag, publication of the American Society of Travel Agents...

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A chapter from the OPC's forthcoming book, "Inside Inside", is previewed in the September Coronet. Don't miss JOHN RALEIGH's article, "Diamonds in the Rough"....As a means to speed the release of AP correspondent William Oatis, JAMES R. YOUNG, Anderson (S.C.) Mail associate editor, recommends the AP halt service to the Soviet government and have the National Press Club "ask" Tass to move out because "the plumbing will be overhauled in Room 969"...CLARE BOOTH LUCE on September 8 will receive the second annual Cardinal Newman Award of the Newman Federation of Catholic student clubs for her "outstanding contribution in the field of government, in church affairs..." Congratulations!....

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Information Specialist: The Office of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany is seeking an information specialist for an opening as Editor, Articles Section. Duties would include direction of a staff of seven German bilingual editorial specialists in researching, writing and translation of feature articles, illustrated and background material for distribution to German newspapers and periodicals. Candidate must read, understand and speak German. If married, applicant may take his family and automobile at Government expense. Tenure of job would be four years or the duration of HICOG, whichever should terminate sooner. Officer would be entitled to 60 days home leave in the U.S. at the end of two years with transportation both ways paid by the Government. Position pays \$5,910 per year plus housing, heat and light. Please address resumes to the U.S. Department of State, German Affairs Branch, Division of Foreign Service Personnel, Room 616, 1734 New York Avenue, NW, Washington 25, D.C.

("The Job Forum" is a service of the OPC's Placement Committee)

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FOR SALE: One-way airplane ticket from New York to London. Owner, who is unable to return on particular date, purchased ticket at special discount. Buyer must use ticket on September 7. Cost: \$140. For further information, write Miss Mireille Baumgartner, C/o Mrs. D. Kushner, 475 Milton Street, Montreal, Canada.

Named last week to an 11-man State Department advisory committee on press and publications operations in foreign countries was BRUCE GOULD, Ladies Home Journal editor...TED O. THACKREY, editor-publisher of the New York Compass, has withdrawn his \$1,000,000 libel suit against the New York State Medical Society's Journal of Medicine. The Journal published a retraction of a statement alleging the Compass was associated with the Red Press....

ROBERT LABLONDE, on leave as vice president and public relations director for Foote, Cone and Belding, on August 1 was appointed acting director of the State Department's Office of International Information...Just back from a trip to Europe and the Near East is A. WILFRED MAY....

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An Army housing snafu in Germany is vexing Stars & Stripes staffers there. One editor has had to take a leave of absence because authorities could find no living accommodations for him; a couple expecting a baby were refused space because their "rating was too low"...Revolutionary in the history of foreign correspondence is new five-day week in effect in the Associated Press London bureau. The unprecedented schedule was established after 17 of 18 newsmen supported a demand for conditions equal to those of stateside staffers...."Ransom" for imprisoned AP correspondent William N. Oatis, according to Washington sources involves suspension of Voice of America and Radio Free Europe broadcasts to Czechoslovakia...

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RADIO AND TV ROUNDUP: From covering Air Force survival tests in Florida's swamplands, Past President W. W. CHAPLIN this Sunday bounces up to Maine to report on the Bangor State Fair (NBC, 1 PM, EDT)...Mutual commentator CECIL BROWN this week interviewed Mrs. John J. McCloy, wife of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, on his week-day show from Europe...MERRILL (Red) MUELLER slated to head a four-star radio reporter team for NBC at the negotiations for a Japanese peace treaty in San Francisco from September 3 to September 7...CHARLES SHAW pinch-hitting for vacationing MBS news digester Bill Henry until August 31...Off for Europe this week to direct publicity for Tallulah Bankhead's "Big Show" tour is NBC veep in charge of PR, WILLIAM F. BROOKS....

 THE OVERSEAS TICKER

ROME DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Two stops a week apart were made here by TEMPLE FIELDING and BERT BRANDT in flights to and from the African leg of "FIELDING's Caravan", a deluxe travel expedition personally directed by FIELDING. Other newsmen on the trip include Bill Leonard of CBS and William McKelvey. While BRANDT planned to return to New York with the party in mid-August, FIELDING continued on to Denmark to spend the rest of the summer there with his family...

Although he can't read it, STAN SWINTON, new AP bureau chief in Rome, is the proud possessor of a Japanese edition of "Heartbreak Corridor", a collection of Korean war stories. Others represented in the book include HAL BOYLE, DON WHITEHEAD and Russell Brines... Pictures of top AP executives, including LLOYD STRATTON, are hanging on the walls of the AP bureau here..

Visitors to Rome this month: WHITELAW REID, publisher of the New York Herald Tribune; Look's Leo Rosten; WILLIAM ATTWOOD of Collier's; Wentworth Linebarger of USIE in Washington; Capt. Charles Duffy, formerly of the Washington Times-Herald and now PIO to Admiral Carney of Eisenhower's Southern European Command at Naples; photographer Bob Capa; Sidney Mirkin of the London AP office, en route to the island of Ischia; and Carter Davidson of AP in Paris who covered the international labor meetings in Milan. -- (JOSEPH ROSAPEPE).

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FRANKFURT DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Former Stars & Stripes Tuckerman Stadler, vacationing in Rome, reports having seen STAN SWINTON, AP Italy chief, and JACK BEGON, Rome Daily American publisher... LARRY RUE of the Chicago Tribune also reported in Italy and Switzerland until the end of the month... Betty Knox, former INS and UP staffer, who started an intimate press club with great success in Dusseldorf, is opening up a "press villa" in Bonn. For the moment, she'll also continue the Dusseldorf Club...

BERT BRANDT arrived in Frankfurt July 23 aboard a Scandinavian Airlines plane, on the third lap of a world tour with seven U.S. millionaires who reached Europe July 6. BRANDT is riding along to collect notes for a Look magazine article. The party left again the same evening for Cairo via Rome, where they'll pick up CBS commentator Bill Leonard for the rest of the tour--set to include Spain, Switzerland, Nairobi, etc....

ANN STRINGER RIES writes from New York that she and husband, HANK RIES, on a year's leave of absence from the New York Times photo staff, are taking time out for school. HANK is attending the New School, studying economics, sociology and non-fiction writing; ANN is taking a course in clay-modeling and sculpture. HANK, by the way, is just recovering from the mumps.--(FOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL).

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From BERLIN comes a welcome but unsigned dispatch chronicling press corps activities there. The Editor thanks this unknown correspondent and asks for more -- with a by-line, please. Acme's ALLYN BAUM and the UP's Joe Fleming spent a hectic 36 hours trying to round up Traude Eisenkolb, the curvaceous ideal of East German progressive womanhood who fled to the West for asylum.... The West Berlin government put her under wraps and still have her out of touch. Late arrivals for the eventually successful chase were Time's Robert Manning and Walter Sanders of Life. Paris Match sent in photographer de Potier to see if the French touch might unbend German officialdom... No.. luck....

Nick Kasischke of AP has arrived back in Berlin to head the bureau here... Bill Conlon, formerly with HICOG-Berlin Element, takes over the U.S. Press Center here, replacing George Welldo who resigned to do public relations for the DP commission... GERHARDT STINDT and his lovely wife, former Life cover girl Renata, are expecting their first visit from the stork.. ALLYN BAUM of Acme was severely shaken and bruised at a recent German paratroopers reunion held in Brunswick. BAUM reports that, when Maj. Gen. Bernard Ramke, former war criminal recently released by the French, arrived at the rally, the crowd became a mob. Shouting "Heil Ramke" and giving Nazi salutes, the paratroopers attacked BAUM, the only American present. They splashed him with beer, too, until some of Ramke's strongarm men came to his rescue....

The two-week East German communist-sponsored World Youth Rally got under way August 5 with 27 Allied correspondents slated to swell the slim Berlin press call list. Among those expected were Cornell Acheson of Pathfinder magazine; RICHARD C. HOTTELET of CBS; Mutual commentator CECIL BROWN; EDWIN C. HAAKER of NBC; Newsweek's Charles Brown; JOSEPH GRIGG, JR., newly-appointed UP Germany manager and UP correspondent ROB ROY BUCKINGHAM; John Day of the Louisville Courier-Journal; Drew Middleton of the New York Times; and Dan DeLuce, Dick O'Malley and Tom Stone, all of AP....

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New York Times Berlin correspondent Kathleen McLaughlin preparing for a two-month stateside leave. Also setting their sights on home leave in the near future are David Nichols of the Chicago Daily News and his wife, Judy Barden, former New York Sun correspondent, and the Russells of the New York Herald Tribune..

BELGRADE DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- The foreign press corps here recently acquired another OPCer. He's WILLIAM KING, former APer and ex-UNICEF, who is new press attache. He has many friends from his old days in Belgrade, and is acquiring new ones very rapidly... Also here recently; Joseph Alsop of the New York Herald Tribune, Seymour Freidin, New York Post, and Jack Leacocos of the Cleveland Plain Dealer (based in Rome)....

Bill Long of the UP's Vienna bureau just blew in on vacation. Recent UP reassignments have shifted EDWARD M. KORRY from Berlin to Paris; JOSEPH GRIGG, JR. from Paris to Frankfurt; Roger Tatarian to Rome and Jack Fox replacing Tatarian as London bureau chief...

Aside from occasional trivial annoyances, Western correspondents in this Balkan capital are as free here as anywhere, and don't even have to worry about being expelled, to say nothing of being arrested. -- (HELEN FISHER).

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ELSIE N. DANENBERG has just returned to her Connecticut home after recovering from bronchitis in Tucson, Ariz., for four months....Life will shortly cover the Korean experiences of BETTY BETZ, King Features teen-age columnist now reporting on GI's there...JACK CONNOLLY, head of the State Department International Motion Picture division's newsreel section, just back from a 28,000-mile round-the-worlder....

"WISH-We-WERE-THERE" DEPARTMENT: Margot Barkham, wife of JOHN BARKHAM, called at Hong Kong last week on her round-the-worler and dropped in on Time correspondent ROBERT NEVILLE. Reports, "they have a lovely villa on a mountainside overlooking one of the most beautiful bays I have ever seen." Present at a dinner the NEVILLES gave for her was ROBERT STROTHER of the Reader's Digest, and most of the talk that night was about the Club. Mrs. Barkham has since flown to Siam and will return to New York early in October...A communique from BERT BRANDT aboard the FIELDING Caravan: "On through East Africa, Ethiopia and Egypt. Saw lots of elephants, rhinos and lions in Kenya. At Addis Ababa, His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie held a full-blown royal reception for us with troops, officials and everything. Really lavish and impressive gifts from him to everyone. So far we have hit 15 countries"...

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DUE TO CURTAILED CLUB ACTIVITIES DURING AUGUST, NO BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK. PUBLICATION WILL BE RESUMED WITH THE ISSUE OF SEPTEMBER 1.

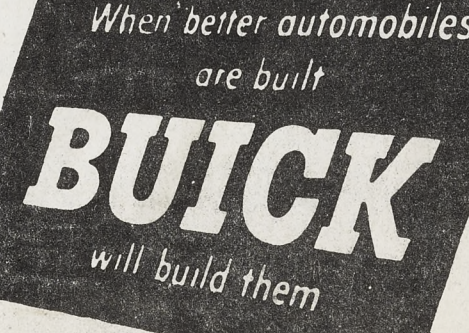
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